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Non-U.S. references cited under the heading "FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS" and "OTHER DOCUMENTS" in the attached form 1449 were cited in related foreign or PCT applications. Accordingly, the following are attached pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2) & (3):

- Translation of the Decision of the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office and Concise Explanation of Relevance for ROC 51781 and ROC 394679;
- Translation of the Decision of the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office and English translation of ROC 328711; and
- Translation of a Hungarian Search Report for application no. P0202029
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References U.S. 5,997,995 (Scianna) and U.S. 5,114,774 (Maxim Jr.) cited under the heading "U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS" were cited in related U.S. application no. 09/981,827 (now abandoned). A copy of the "Notice of References Cited" is attached. Other U.S. references cited under the heading "U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS" were cited in the PCT Search Reports noted above.

Copies of related co-pending applications 10/631,895 and 10/712,375 cited herein have not been submitted herewith because these applications were filed after June 30, 2003 (August 1, 2003 and November 14, 2003, respectively). See OG Notices: 05 August 2003.

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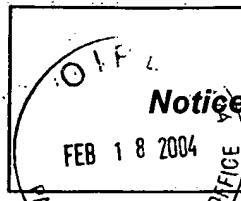
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